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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, 1903.

10 CENTS A WEEK.

YOUNG FAULKNER IS IN PRISON

Son of Ex-Senator Faulkner of This State is
Charged With Financial Irregularities.
Has Fine Military Record.

Seattle, Wash., March 30.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Skagway, Alaska, says that under orders of Major Fitcher, commanding the Eighth Infantry, Lieut. Charles Faulkner, of company M, has been placed in close confinement on charge of financial irregularities. Lieut. Faulkner is a son of former United States Senator Faulkner of West Virginia, and has a brilliant military record. He was the first officer to enter the city of Pekin with his command when that city was attacked. A court martial will be held.

HOLDINGS TRANSFERRED

BY MORGANTOWN UNION GAS AND
WATER COMPANY AND TRAC-
TION COMPANY TO ELKINS
COMPANY.

Capital Stock of the New Concern Is One
Million Dollars and Senator El-
kins Is Its President.

Morgantown, W. Va., March 30.—The Union Gas and Water company, the Morgantown Traction company and the Union Utility company held a joint meeting Saturday night. The first two named companies have transferred all their holdings to the third. The capital stock of this company is \$1,000,000. The officers are S. B. Elkins, president; L. C. White, vice president; G. C. Sturgis, secretary; E. M. Grant, treasurer, and James H. McDermott, W. E. Glascock, and D. H. Courtney form the board of directors. E. M. Grant was made manager of the concern. It will supply gas and water, electric lights and street car service, to the town. A large number of improvements aside from those now being installed are ordered. Among them are two new filters for the water works and an extensive addition to the gas production. New territory is to be developed and tapped and water and gas mains are to be extended. A sum of money approximating several hundred thousand dollars is to be expended in this direction.

PROGRAM ARRANGED

For the Special Sunday School Tour in
This State.

The program for the special Sunday school tour arranged for this state has been prepared and issued. The date here will be April 6. Sessions will be held in the afternoon and evening. For the afternoon service selections will be made from the following topics:
Round Table.
The Teachers' Meeting.
Helps of Blackboard in Teaching.
Topics for the evening service will be as follows:
Pivotal periods of Childhood.
Pointers.
The Graded Sunday School.
The Great State Convention.
The World's Jerusalem Convention.

ENDED

Are the Revival Services at the First
Baptist Church.—Rev. Buckholz
Returns Home.

The series of revival meetings being conducted at the First Baptist church by the Rev. H. C. Buckholz, the Baltimore revivalist, were closed with the meeting held Saturday night. Rev. Buckholz left on the Saturday night train for his home. The meetings held during his stay here were highly successful and he performed much good work for the church.
The pastor, Rev. R. B. McDanel, conducted the services at the church Sunday evening, and delivered the sermon. Four persons received the rite of baptism. The Sunday evening revival meetings will be continued until further notice. Baptismal services will be held each successive Sunday evening for several weeks.

Lee J. Lang, of near Bridgeport, is
here today on business.

Henry Keller is here today from Jar-
visville.

LAUNDRY

To Be Established in This City By
Parkersburg Gentlemen.

Tory J. Slayton and Steadman Bryan, both of Parkersburg, will immediately establish an up-to-date steam laundry in this city. They are now in Cincinnati purchasing the necessary machinery. They tried to purchase one of the laundries in this city, but could not make a satisfactory deal. Mr. Slayton was formerly part owner of the Parkersburg Steam laundry, and later owner of a Wheeling laundry, but he has disposed of those interests and will devote himself to the Parkersburg trade. Mr. Bryan was formerly with the B. & O., having held a responsible position in the local shops for a number of years.

TEN NEW ENGINES

Will Soon Be Built for Baltimore &
Ohio Railroad.

Ten monster engines are being manufactured for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company in the Schenectady works. They will be made ready for the road in the earliest possible time, as the orders are for immediate filling. The R. & O. business has increased remarkably during the past few months, as is generally known, and it did not have enough rolling stock a year ago to handle its freight properly. It is said that two of the new engines will be used principally on the Parkersburg branch.

BYRON WILL SPEAK

In Fairmont Next Week for the Faith-
ful Circle of the King's Daughters
of Baptist Church.

Fairmont, W. Va., March 30.—Fairmont will have a distinguished visitor Wednesday, April 8. The Faithful Circle of King's Daughters of the Baptist church have arranged for Hon. W. J. Bryan to give an address in the opera house here on the evening of that date. Great preparation will be made for the gifted orator.

LARGEST

AUDIENCE YET ATTRACTED BY
SUNDAY AFTERNOON LEC-
TURES OF Y. M. C. A.

Hon. Walter M. Chandler, of the New
York Bar, Lectures from a Law-
yer's Standpoint.

Hon. Walter M. Chandler, in giving his lecture "The Trial of Jesus from a Lawyer's Standpoint," viewed the largest audience which has yet been attracted by the course of lectures given by the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday. Every seat of the Traders opera house was filled before Attorney John W. Davis arose to introduce the speaker. Mr. Chandler is a forceful speaker, logical, brilliant and magnetic. His lecture was instructive and soul-thrilling. It was one of the lessons on which to abide. Hon. Walter M. Chandler is an able and prominent lawyer of the New York bar. The lecture, "The Trial of Jesus," has attracted considerable attention throughout the county and has brought many demands for other lectures from this orator.

The Y. M. C. A. orchestra rendered valuable assistance in the music preceding the lecture.

WANT NATIVE STONE
In Their New County Court House, Do
Barbour County People.

Philippi, W. Va., March 30.—The people of Barbour county are making a big fight against the order of the county court to use Ohio building stone in the construction of the new Barbour county court house. Our native stone is said to be a better grade than the imported rock and the extra cost would be enormous. It is probable that the measure will be voted down.

Marshall Martin and B. C. Rogers have returned from Kentucky, where they purchased a car load of thoroughbred horses.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

GOFF CHURCH CONGREGATION FOR-
MALLY DEDICATE THEIR NEW
BROAD OAKS AND ALTA
VISTA CHURCH EDIFICE.

Name of "Ash Chapel M. E. Church"
Given in Honor of Presiding Elder
of the District.

The Broad Oaks and Alta Vista church, recently erected by the congregation of Goff M. E. church was dedicated Sunday morning by the members of the church. The church was named "Ash Chapel M. E. Church" in honor of the presiding elder. Special services were held in the new building commencing at 11 o'clock. Rev. D. L. Ash, the presiding elder of the Clarksburg district, delivered the dedicatory sermon. The Goff M. E. church choir assisted in rendering the music. The church was crowded and many were turned away at the doors.

A special collection was taken to go towards the expense incurred in building the church. The edifice cost a little over \$1,800, and there remained a debt of \$500 to be met. \$255 of this amount was raised at these services. It is the intention to have regular services in the new church each Sunday. A regular pastor will be in charge later on. Until a pastor can be called to the pastorate services will be held regularly each Sunday.

NATIVE OF COUNTY

Passes Away at His Daughter's Home
in Parkersburg at Ripe Old Age.

Alexander Lowther, a native of this county, died in Parkersburg at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Kendall, Saturday, at the age of 87 years. The deceased was born in this county in 1816. He left his native county in 1866, moving to Ritchie county, where he became identified with business interests and Republican politics. Later he moved to Mason county, where he owned one of the finest farms in that locality. He engaged in the mercantile business there several years and then moved to Wirt county. After the death of his wife some years ago he moved to Parkersburg and has resided with his son and daughter there ever since. He is survived by one son and two daughters. The funeral was held in the M. E. church in Parkersburg Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment was in River-view cemetery.

INCREASE IN WAGES WILL BE DEMANDED.

It is stated that the plumbers have given notice that they will demand an increase in the wage scale, to become effective May 1. It is said that the plasterers contemplate a strike in the near future, unless additional wages are granted.

CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY

At Wilsonburg Is Progressing Nicely.
Will Soon Be Ready for
Operation.

The Peerless Lamp Black company is progressing with the construction of the plant it will operate at Wilsonburg. Twenty men are at work on the foundation and two tenement houses are in course of erection. All the material is on the ground for the factory. It is the intention to begin active operations before midsummer. The factory will employ in the neighborhood of fifty skilled laborers.

BIG TRACT OF COAL SECURED BY WEAVER CO.

Mannington, W. Va., March 30.—The Weaver Coal company has closed a deal whereby it comes into possession of several thousand acres of Pittsburgh coal about four miles east of this city and is going to sink a shaft near the mouth of East run immediately. The significance of this lies in the fact that only a few years ago the nearest coal mine to this city was in West Fairmont, and it was thought that deposits of coal farther west were too deep to mine profitably. About three years ago the Georges Creek Coal & Iron company began developing the coal lands at Farmington, seven miles east of here, and now has one of the most valuable coal plans in West Virginia. It has been rumored in Mannington for some time that development of coal lands will soon be commenced even nearer than the new shaft to be sunk at East Run.

Squire John T. Flynn, of Wilsonburg, is a visitor here today.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION

OCCURS AT HUNTINGTON AS RE-
SULT OF LEAKAGE FROM A
GAS PIPE.

Five Boys Standing Near the Scene Were
Badly Injured.—Explosion Oc-
curred in a Cistern.

Huntington, W. Va., March 30.—A terrible catastrophe occurred at the corner of Twenty-fourth street and First avenue Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. The cistern located on the corner of these two street had filled with gas from a leak in a pipe of the Triple State gas company and, becoming ignited, exploded, injuring five boys who were standing directly over the cistern.

There were congregated on this corner some fifteen or twenty boys at this time, and it seems a miracle that there were not more of them hurt.

The injured are:
Johnny Brammer, aged 16 years, son of A. J. Brammer, left leg broken between knee and hip.

Rey Brammer, aged 13 years, son of A. J. Brammer, hip and head badly bruised.

Fred Christy, aged 17 years, son of Mrs. Jane Christy, hurt about the left arm and hip.

Fred Miller, aged 18 years, hurt about the head, arm and hip.

Richard Brammer, hurt about the head.

ANNUAL SERMON

Preached By Rev. Young to Colored
Knights of Pythias.

The colored Knights of Pythias lodge listened to an able annual sermon Sunday night in their lodge room in Reed hall. The preacher for the occasion was the Rev. J. C. Young, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church. A large crowd of both sexes was in attendance and appreciated the able and profound discourse very much.

ANNIVERSARY

Of the Birth of L. O. O. F. Lodge Occurs
on April 26.

Members of the local order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows are looking forward to the celebration of the anniversary of the institution of the order in America, which occurs upon the 26th of April. Although no preparations have been made as yet for the celebration by the local order, still the day will be observed in the usual custom. It is usually the custom for the lodge to meet in the lodge rooms and then form in line and march to some church, where special services commemorative of the day are held and an anniversary sermon delivered. Last year these special services were held in the Goff M. E. church.

WEARY OF LIFE

CURRENCE, THE NOTED PENSION
SWINDLER, TRIES SUICIDE
IN CHARLESTON.

Drank Carbolic Acid in Prison Cell.
Wanted to Wash His Feet in the
Stuff, He Told Jailor.

Charleston, W. Va., March 30.—Chas. Westley Currence, the man of many spectacular escapes, and who is now in the county jail under \$2,400 bond awaiting trial before the United States court for numerous pension swindles, attempted to shuffle off this mortal coil by the poison route Friday night. That the prisoner was one of the slickest articles that was ever lodged in the county jail everybody who has had anything to do with him has believed.

For this reason he has been very closely watched, and has been kept in the revolving cells, where not the slightest chance of escape has been afforded him. Friday he complained to Jailor Morgan of some sores on his feet and asked for some carbolic acid to wash them in. At last Mr. Morgan called up Dr. Ark. Staunton and told him of Currence's disease.

Dr. Staunton forthwith sent the required drug in a one-ounce bottle. This was handed the prisoner with the other necessities for a foot bath.
While Mr. Morgan was absent from the jail Currence drank the entire contents of the bottle. Some other prisoners, seeing the act, gave vent to screams, which attracted the attention of the jailor, who was standing on a near corner of the street. He went to the jail at once and ascertained the trouble. Dr. Staunton was summoned, and a stomach pump was brought into use. The man's life was saved, though he is now in a very critical condition.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

WILL BE HELD AT THE POST OF-
FICE IN THIS CITY MAY 6 BY
POSTAL BOARD.

Splendid Opportunity for Young Men to
Secure Employment at Fair
Compensation.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 6, 1903, an examination will be held for the positions of clerk and carrier in the post office service in this city.

This examination offers an excellent opportunity for entering the Federal service to bright, energetic young persons who are not afraid of hard work, and as previous examinations have failed to result in a sufficient number of eligibles, the Commission urges all persons who are qualified, and who may desire to enter the postoffice service, to apply for and take this examination. It may be stated that there is a wider field for advancement upon merit in the Federal service than in many private employments. While the salary in the post-office service is usually about \$500 or \$600 per annum at the start, this amount compares favorably with the compensation of a beginner in private employment.

This examination will be held in order to give all persons who desire to apply an opportunity to be examined for positions in this office. It is intended hereafter, in case no eligibles result from the clerk-carrier examinations, to fill vacancies in this office by selection from any register of the Civil Service Commission which may have been established as the result of a first or second-grade examination, selections being made of persons who are residents of this city or this part of the state, and not more than one clerk-carrier examination will be held during each year unless eligibles can not be secured from the other registers. This notice is given in order that the persons who may desire to become eligible for positions in this office may file their applications and enter this examination.

The nature of the examination is a test of practical, general intelligence and of adaptability in post-office work. The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below, which will be weighed as follows:

Subjects.	Weights
1. Spelling	10
2. Arithmetic	20
3. Letter-writing	20
4. Penmanship	20
5. Copying from plain copy	20
6. United States Geography	10
7. Reading addresses	10
Total	100

It will be noted that the weights of the examination have been changed since Form 117, "Instructions to Applicants," was issued.

Age limit, all position, 18 to 45.
From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that certification will be made to existing and future vacancies.

All applicants, male and female, must have the medical certificate in Form 101 executed as indicated in the form. Male applicants must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height, exclusive of boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds in ordinary clothing, without overcoat or hat.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements without regard to whether they have been examined within the past year. Competitors will be rated without regard to any consideration other than the qualifications shown in their examination papers, and eligibles will be certified strictly in accordance with the civil service law and rules.

For application blank (Form 101), full instructions, specimen examination questions, and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, and the location of the examination room, application should be made to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice.

No application will be accepted for this examination unless filed with A. B. Boggs, secretary of the postal board, prior to the hour of closing business April 18, 1903.

SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTES

Held by the Rev. Peters in Baltimore
Baptist Churches.

The Rev. Lewis E. Peters returned this morning from Baltimore, where he sojourne for a fortnight. While in that city he held Sunday school institutes in all the Baptist churches in Baltimore and the surrounding section of country. He closed his work last night there. The institutes were quite successful and Mr. Peters pleased his audiences, as usual.

Editor Camden Summers is in Elkins on a business visit.

GORMAN, THE MAN SAYS JOHN MCGRAW

WEST VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS GREATLY IN FAVOR OF GORMAN AS
THEIR LEADER IN NEXT PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN
IN THIS COUNTRY.

DOCTORS

Go to New York to Take Special Post
Graduate Course in Department
of University.

Dr. Charles W. Halterman left Monday evening for New York City to take a two months' special post graduate course of medicine in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital. The institution is a department of the University of New York. The doctor will close his offices in the Leggett building temporarily until his return on June 1. He will be accompanied by Dr. William Gaston, of God Hope, this county, who will also take a special post graduate course in the same institution.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO CREEK.

Cumberland, Md., March 30.—A train of the Meadow Mountain lumber railroad in Garrett county, consisting of an engine and twenty-two loaded cars, jumped the track at a short curve on the Bear creek grade and plunged down a ravine over 300 feet deep, landing in the creek below. The cars and logs were a mangled heap. No one was hurt.

CONVOCATION TO BE HELD.

Morgantown, W. Va., March 30.—The spring quarter convocation exercises will be held Wednesday night, April 1. The convocation address will be delivered by President Purinton, and his subject will be "Secondary Education in West Virginia."

COLORED WEDDING

Will Be Solemnized Tonight at the Home
of Charles Dangerfield on Me-
chanic Street.

A marriage license was issued today to Dock Smith and Alice Harvey, young colored people. They will be married tonight at the home of Charles Dangerfield, on Mechanic street. The prospective bridegroom is a native of North Carolina. Miss Harvey is a native of the city. Mr. Smith is employed here, and has taken up his permanent abode in Clarksburg.

PLEASURE BEFORE BUSINESS

Believes the Town Council of Kingwood
and Goes to School Commencement.

Kingwood, W. Va., March 30.—The Kingwood town council did not act on the application for a water works franchise asked for Morgantown people. There was a high school commencement on the night of the council meeting and the members of the council, being more interested in this than the town's affairs, went to the entertainment. They will meet in a day or so in special session and act on the franchise, which is expected to be passed without objection.

WEDDING AT WILSONBURG

Young Couple from Other Parts of the
State Meet There to Be Wedded.

Mr. William E. Crothers and Miss Katherine Rogers were married at the home of Engineer Smith at the Waldo coal mines at Wilsonburg at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Warmann, pastor of the Wilsonburg Methodist Episcopal church, performed the ceremony, which united them in the bonds of holy wedlock. They met at the home of Mr. Smith by appointment. The bride is from the Flat Top coal region and the bridegroom resides in another part of the state. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends. The services of Rev. Mr. Warmann were secured through the good offices of Squire J. T. Flynn, who asked him to perform the ceremony. The genial magistrate would have been delighted to comply with the request, but the law of the state will not permit a man holding his official position to do so.

Otto Moore will likely move his stock broker's office from its present quarters into the Western Union office in the Leggett building.

William Driggs and Ralph Thompson spent Sunday in Weston.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Hon. John T. McGraw, of Grafton, W. Va., in passing through Washington, passed long enough to drop a few comments upon the political situation in West Virginia. Being a member of the Democratic national committee, and enjoying the confidence of the party leaders, his views have more than ordinary weight.

"West Virginia Democrats," said he, "are greatly in favor of Senator Gorman as their leader in 1904, and in this sentiment I heartily concur. At the same time I recognize the availability of that illustrious, old-fashioned Democrat, Hon. Richard Olney, of Massachusetts. He is a great man, and his state papers, particularly those relating to the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela, will go down in history as the best exposition of the Monroe doctrine ever given."

DECISIONS HANDLED DOWN

BY THE SUPREME COURT OF AP-
PEALS OF THIS STATE SIT-
TING IN CHARLESTON.

Writ of Prohibition Awarded City of El-
kins Against Judge Holt in the
License Controversy of that
County.

Charleston, W. Va., March 30.—The supreme court of appeals has handed down orders as follows:

Geiser Manufacturing company vs. J. W. Chevington, from Monroe county; opinion by Miller; decree modified, affirmed and remanded.

Norfolk & Western Railroad company vs. J. W. McGeary, et al., from Jefferson county; opinion by Miller; reversed and remanded.

Erwin vs. Hedrick, from Greenbrier county; opinion by Miller; reversed and remanded.

Stewart vs. Tennant, from Taylor county; opinion by Poffenbarger; reversed and remanded.

Powers and Taylor Drug company vs. Falconer, from Summers county; opinion by Poffenbarger; reversed and remanded. McWhorter and Dent dissenting. Full written opinions.

Ruhl & Co. vs. Nester et al., from Randolph county; opinion by Dent; affirmed.

Echols vs. Tracewell, from Avoca county; opinion by Dent; reversed and remanded.

McNeely vs. South Penn Oil company, from Wetzel county; opinion by Brannon; reversed and remanded.

Findley vs. Cunningham, from Berkeley county; opinion by Brannon; reversed and remanded. McWhorter and Dent dissenting. Full written opinions.

Parsons vs. Maxwell, from Tucker county; opinion by McWhorter; judgment for defendant.

Hickcock vs. Caton, from Ritchie county; opinion by McWhorter; bill dismissed.

Wolf vs. Second National bank, from Wood county; appeal and supersedeas allowed; bond \$500.

McGinnis vs. Canby, from Raleigh county; appeal refused.

Campton vs. Faulkner, judge, et al., from Berkeley county; mandamus refused.

City of Elkins vs. John Homer Holt, judge, from Randolph county; writ of prohibition granted. This leaves the question of liquor licenses in the towns of Elkins in the hands of the council of that town and the county court of Randolph county as elsewhere. Judge Holt having been prohibited from further interference in the matter.

TO DRILL FOR OIL IN MINERAL COUNTY.

Piedmont, W. Va., March 30.—A meeting was held in the court house here to make some arrangements, if possible, to put down test wells in Mineral county for oil and gas.

The meeting chose the following officers and directors: F. M. Reynolds, president; J. T. Carskadon, vice president; T. T. Hoffman, secretary; J. H. Markwood, Col. T. B. Davis, V. F. McKire, J. H. Swisher, N. J. Crooks.

Many years ago there was a salt well not far from Keyser and tradition says there was a flow of dark, gray stuff came into the well and made it unfit for use as a salt well. It is believed that this was oil and the matter will be tested with perhaps two or three holes.